

While cutting down an alley in Louisiana, Pike county, last week the workmen came across an Indian graveyard and unearthed a bushel of skulls, jawbones and teeth. The Louisiana Press, which has given the subject considerable attention, says that the nation or tribe cannot be identified, but that the bones evidently belong to people who are now dead.

The colored citizens of Hardin, Ray county, gave a dance in the city hall last Friday night of last week which lasted until nearly day light. A dispute arose between several of the boys, during which "razors were flying in the air," and George Gunn, in trying to quell the disturbance, received a slash across the thigh inflicting a wound about six inches long and an inch or two deep.

It is noted by the country press that the alliance stores are gradually closing out as did the grange stores 18 or 20 years ago, not however, without having served a purpose. They have as the McPherson Republican remarks, "satisfied the farming community that the merchants were not making exorbitant profits, in fact that the interests of the merchants lay more with the farmers and laborers who were their customers than with the manufacturers from whom they purchased their stock."

This is a funny world. A man who steals a hog to keep his family from starving is sent to the penitentiary every time, but an able bodied dead beat can buy a car load of goods from his local merchant—promising but never intending to pay for them—and there is no chance in the world of ever bringing him to justice. A man who is able to pay and won't pay is just as much of a thief as the man who steals the hog, and we believe he should be as severely punished.

DEMOCRACY aided in laying the corner stone of this government. It has been with the true mission of the government from that day to this battling for right against corporate oppression, in favor of public economy, official integrity, the broadest grounds of freedom. Democracy has seen parties and issues come and go, while it has kept steadily on toward the goal of perfect government, and is to-day, as ever, in the fight for the rights of laborers, the rights of all people. Democracy is imperishable, because it is founded on truth and virtue.

WILLIAM H. SMITH, who has been appointed custodian of the library and art gallery of the Columbian exposition, at Chicago, enjoys the distinction of having been the first colored man placed in a responsible government position after the close of the war. He was a protegee of Charles Sumner, and through Sumner's efforts was given a place in the library of the house, serving continually as assistant librarian and librarian up to the present congress, when he was removed to make room for a "Virginia gentleman."

An exchange says that "when God created the heaven and earth and all the things therein, he then created man and woman and left the loafers on the corners, and in due time they multiplied and spread into political places, railroad depots, post-offices, and stores. In the latter places they sit and explain state and national problems that have vexed great minds and exists partially by sampling goods. While he is thus engaged his wife is out washing for her neighbors, and the poor, helpless children are left at home to care for themselves the best they can. There is nothing more noticeable than the loafer."

THE Australian ballot law seems to be an elephant in Pennsylvania. The superintendent of public printing says it is practically an impossibility to have the election ballots required under the new law printed in time for the election. It will require fourteen thousand reams of white and tinted paper, in equal quantities which weigh nearly four hundred tons. There are few presses in the state upon which the tickets can be printed. Three regular and three specimen ballots will be required for each voter. The official ballot now being printed for the state department will be 22x52 inches. It is stated that there is not enough paper in the country of the kind required to supply the ballots needed.

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MONDAY evening of last week, Mr. Albert Kiser, living eight miles west of Milan, Sullivan county, met with a very painful accident. He had gone out to gather wild grapes, and in climbing a tree he placed too much confidence in a dead limb which broke and he fell, a distance of about 20 feet, dislocating his left hip.

MRS. LEASE is thus described by the Atlanta Constitution: "She is tall and raw-boned and is as ugly as a mud hen. But as an orator she outclasses Weaver or any other third party speaker ever heard in Georgia. Her voice is strong and full of the fog horn variety, with a slight twang. She talks like 'an old stager.'"

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JOHN COARRICK, aged 28, went to the Franklin school, in Nevada, Vernon county, Tuesday of last week, got 16-year-old Georgia Bailey, and they went to the county recorder's office, secured a license and were married, the girl avering she was over 18. She had placed the number 18 in her shoe, thus literally being over 18. Her father, upon learning the situation, set out with a double-barreled shot gun in pursuit of the festive bridegroom, but finally changed his mind and gave him the parental blessing instead of buck-shot.

CY SHELTON, from somewhere in Iowa, took a notion to go West and leave his wife and child at home to take care of themselves. He got as far as Trenton, Grundy county, Wednesday afternoon of last week just before the four o'clock train from the North got in there, but on the passenger train was his wife and child, who went up town in a street car, and just as the car got to Smith & Lafferty's corner the moving wagon got there too, and Mrs. Shelton took charge of the outfit and the family went westward together.

MISSOURI horses are coming to the front as record breakers. Kentucky Union, owned at Tipton, this state, if she keeps on, will lower the world's trotting record. John R. Gentry, owned at Hughesville, knocked a chunk off the 3-year-old pacing record by going a mile in 2:13 1-2. But for an ugly break he would have gone in 2:11. John R. Gentry's former mark was 2:14 1-2, made in a race this year at Wichita. Before John R.'s feat Manager, 2:14 1-2, held the world's 3-year-old record. If the conditions are favorable Gentry will start one day next week to beat 2:11 3-4, Manager's time record. John R. also holds the palm for the three fastest heats ever paced by a 3-year-old in a race.

ACCORDING to the best records January and February of 1816 were warm and spring-like. March was cold and stormy. Vegetation had gotten well along in April when real winter set in. Sleet and snow fell on seventeen different days in May. In June there was either frost or snow every night but three. The snow was 5 inches deep for several days in succession in the interior of New York and from 10 inches to 3 feet in Vermont and Maine. July was cold and frosty, ice formed as thick as window panes in every one of the New England states. August was still worse; ice formed nearly an inch in thickness and killed nearly every living thing in the United States and Europe. In the spring of 1817 corn that had been kept over from the crop of 1815 sold for from \$5 to \$10 a bushel, the buyers purchasing for seed. On May 10, 1835, snow fell to the depth of a foot in Jamestown, Va., and was piled up in huge drifts in most of the Northern states. There was snow in many parts of Iowa and Illinois on May 11, 1878, and again as late as May 23, 1882.

THE Northeast Missouri Press association met at Brookfield last Thursday and remained in session two days. The meeting was not largely attended; in fact it was the poorest attendance since the organization of the association. But for all this it was one of the best meetings ever held, and more good, common-sense relating to the management of a country newspaper exchanged hands than ever before.

THE neighborhood, four miles southwest of Gallatin, Daviess county, had a sensation when the little girl, 2-years-old, of Sanford Salee strayed away from home. The search was carried on all of Tuesday night of last week which was rainy and pitch dark, and the child was found at 9 o'clock Friday morning about a mile from home, lying on the ground, bareheaded, barefooted and chilled, but uninjured.

PHILADELPHIA scientists are preparing to find out how fast an electric current travels. An experiment will be made, probably from the Franklin institute, by connections over the Atlantic cable to Liverpool and return. A recent test appeared to show that an electric current is a slow coach as compared to light, being only able to get over to Europe and back in something like a second, or at the rate of only some 400,000 mile a minute, while light ambles along at a million mile-a-minute gait.

THE melancholy days this year are more melancholy than usual because of the recent advance in the price of coal. Of course the laboring men who have to count and save every penny are the ones to suffer because of the penurious grasping of that combination of un-American coal barons who have decreed that if you will burn coal you must pay twice its cost in order to support them in luxury and affluence. What a grand thing it would be if these fellows were sent to Chicago and dressed down with that other species of pork for which the windy city of the west has become famous.

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A MAN 99 years, 8 months and 3 days old and who had not voted for nine years, got on the platform at Slater the other day and heard Col. Stone through his entire speech. He says that his prayer now is that he may be spared to vote the Democratic ticket from top to bottom in November. So it is all over the state, men of all ages, old, young and middle aged, are yearning for a chance to show Major Warner what the people of Missouri think of a candidate who held an office by the burning of the people's ballots which were cast for another and a better man.

SAM JONES is considered a pretty tough preacher but says some very good things occasionally. He gets even with some would-be critics in this style: "The best proportions for a preacher are 95 per cent. man and 5 per cent. preacher. It makes me laugh to hear them talk about the dignity of the pulpit. The more dignified a man is the nearer he is dead. A corpse is the most dignified thing I ever saw. It don't ever laugh and it's stiff. In my mind a religious vagabond is a man in the church who is not worth killing. There is a railroad in the South that runs its express trains at the rate of sixteen miles an hour! That road never killed a man or a cow. It never paid any dividends either. The Pennsylvania railroad runs a mile a minute and kills lots of people. It killed eleven men one day last week. But it pays big dividends. You never heard of a dog barking at a train on a side track, but when an express goes through every cur in the settlement turns out. When no one barks at a preacher you may be pretty sure he is side-tracked."

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of Missouri.

Concurrent resolution submitting to the qualified voters of the state of Missouri an amendment to the constitution thereof, concerning the relief of disabled and crippled firemen by the cities of said state having an organized fire department.

Be it resolved by the house of representatives, the senate concurring therein: That at the general election to be held on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, A. D. 1892, the following amendment to the constitution of the state of Missouri, concerning the relief of disabled and crippled firemen by the cities of said state, shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said state 4 of the constitution be amended by adding thereto the following words, to wit: Provided, that this shall not be construed as to prohibit the general assembly from providing by law for authorizing the creation, maintenance and management of a fund for the pensioning of crippled and disabled firemen, and for the relief of widows and minor children of deceased firemen, by such cities, villages or incorporated towns as may have an organized fire department—said fund to be taken from the municipal revenue of such cities, villages or incorporated towns.

I, Alexander A. Lesueur, secretary of state of the state of Missouri, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of a concurrent resolution of the Thirty-sixth general assembly of the state of Missouri, entitled: "Concurrent resolution submitting to the qualified voters of the state of Missouri an amendment to the constitution thereof, concerning the relief of disabled and crippled firemen by the cities of said state having an organized fire department," as appears by comparing the same with the original roll of said concurrent resolution now on file, as the law directs, in this office.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix the great seal of the state of Missouri. Done at office in the City of Jefferson, this eighth day of September, A. D., 1892.

A. A. LESUEUR,
Sec'y of State.

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Physic is usually but a substitute for temperance.

Successful treachery is worse than honest defeat.

A handful of common sense is worth a bushel of learning.

The failure of one man is the opportunity of another.

No man is pure in his heart who is not pure in his politics.

The only truly brave people are those who are not afraid of the truth. No man can ever be free who will not sign a personal declaration of independence.

If there is a wickedness in the heart, it is sure, sooner or later, to break out at the mouth.

The only way to get people to stop doing wrong is to get them to stop thinking wrong.

A hypocrite always stretches himself up a little taller every time he sees a good man backslide.

The main difference between a wise man and a fool is that the wise man's blunders always teach him something.

Idleness and poverty is a dangerous mixture; the compound is almost sure to produce dishonest cunning or rank rascality.

How much easier it is to sit in the shade and tell our friends what we intend to do, than it is to go out in the sun and do it.

Every one we meet knows something which we do not, and may improve and instruct us, if we are only humble and sincere enough to learn of him.

All means of action—the shapeless masses, the materials—lie everywhere about us; what we need is the celestial fire to change the flint into transparent crystal, bright and clear.

The Northeast Missouri Press association, at its meeting in Brookfield last week, adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, That we call attention of our next legislature to the necessity for some amendments to the school-book law, and especially would we suggest that an arrangement be made permitting the use of a history of Missouri in the public schools."

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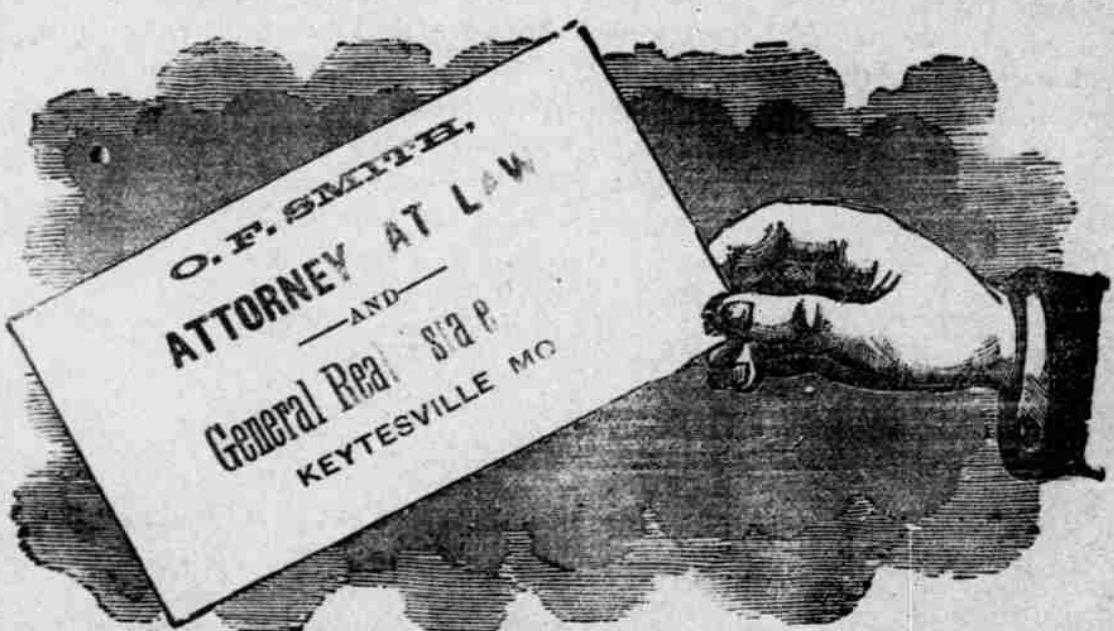
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